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Thanks for your email on the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site.

It has been 6 years since the waste pits became a Superfund site, however, there has been progress. For example, we have ensured short-term protectiveness by constructing the temporary cap over the pits in 2011 to stop the wastes from washing into the river, and to isolate the pits from folks who were fishing there.

Finding out where the contamination is, and developing a good cleanup plan, has taken up most of the time. The sampling is finished now, but finding the best cleanup plan still needs to be done. The information that has been collected does not indicate that the water supply for Houston has been impacted or that the Gulf of Mexico has been impacted with the waste.

Because of the complexity of this site, the EPA has decided that additional information is needed prior to our recommendation of a cleanup alternative. Once this is completed, the EPA will announce a proposed alternative that will be available for public comment. The EPA will also host a public meeting during the comment period to allow public participation in the remedy selection process. The EPA has not set a timeline for this, but will continue to communicate with the community on the progress.

For more information, a recent fact sheet about the site is attached; and here is a link with more detailed site information and reports:

http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/texas/san_jacinto/

Regards,

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After reading about the toxic waste hazards in the Superfund site near the San Jacinto River in the Houston area, I am outraged that this site has not been cleaned up since it was designated as a Superfund priority in 2007. As these toxic waste pits threaten the water supply in the nation's 4th largest city, not to mention the entire Gulf of Mexico, this is inexcusable. What is the hold up?

